

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**MAY 16, 2011
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 16, 2011, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 1515 Poydras Street, Suite 2700, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members were present as follows:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.
John Michael Burdine, M.D.
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.

Board Members absent as follows:

Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., President
Robert Earl Dawson, M.D., Vice-President
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, M.D.

The following members of the Board's staff were present:

Robert L. Marier, M.D., Executive Director
Emily Diane Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations
Thania Elliott, RN, Investigator
Grace Hammons, Program Compliance Officer Supervisor
Christine Holder, Program Compliance Officer III
Leslie Rye, Program Compliance Officer III
Merian Gasper, Director of Licensure
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis
Philip O. Bergeron

1. **Minutes of April 18, 2011 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of April 18, 2011. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings together with the executive sessions conducted during such meeting with all necessary corrections.

2. **Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted that action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings had been completed. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

3. **Rules and Regulations.**

a. **Final Rules/Amendments: - Medical Psychologists** – The Board decided to undertake a rule making effort pursuant to Act 251 of the 2009 session of the Louisiana Legislature that transferred medical psychologists from the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to the Board. Following consideration at its August 2010 meeting, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the November edition of the *Louisiana Register*. During the ensuing comment period, comments were received from one commenter suggesting revision of the proposed definitions of *Medical Psychologist* and *Medical Psychology*. The comments, along with the definitions from the proposed rules and the law (Act 251) were considered by the Board during the January 2011 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to accept the commenter's suggestions, in part, by tracking the language of Act 251 in the proposed definitions except as to the term "*bona fide* medication samples as defined in this Section" in the definition of *Medical Psychologist* which the Board elected to maintain. In addition, the Board adopted a technical amendment to include the use of the same term in the definition of *Medical Psychology*. The Board voted to adopt and promulgate the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. The final rules appeared in the March 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. However, the *Louisiana Register* made some typographical errors in the editing of the Board's technical modifications. The Editor corrected the changes and printed a clean version with an Editor's note of correction in the April 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

b. **Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent. Clinical Laboratory Personnel** – By rule amendments promulgated in February 2011, but effective June 30, 2012 (*LR, Vol. 37, No. 2, pp. 597-598*) the Board, on the recommendation of the Clinical Laboratory Advisory Committee, amended the CLP rules to revise the list of certifying organizations for new applicants for CLP scientist-generalists and technicians (3509A and 3509C) by deleting several organizations. The effect of the amendments is that the certifying examination accepted for licensure as a CLP generalist or technician after June 30, 2011, is the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP). During its April 2011 meeting, the Board considered petitions to repeal the rule and decided to delay implementation of the amendments to Section 3509A and 3509B for one-year (until June 30, 2012) in order to

further confer with stake holders and consider the issues. In the interim, the certifying organizations accepted under the Board's current rules will continue to be recognized. The *Notice of Intent* will appear in the May 20, 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

c. Rules/Amendments Under Development – Respiratory Therapy - The Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee reviewed the current rules to ascertain what modifications may be needed in light of the legislative changes to the Louisiana Respiratory Therapy Act in 2007 and provided its recommendations for review. A revised draft was received from the Committee. Modifications to the Committee's draft were presented to the Advisory Committee during its December 13th meeting, after which additional suggestions were received from staff and the Committee. A clean and annotated draft of the rules containing the recommendations modifications was presented to the Board for initial review and discussion during its April 2011 meeting. After review and discussion, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. Perfusionist - The Perfusion Advisory Committee prepared an initial draft of rules for this category of allied health care professionals. A revised draft was received and is being studied. As soon as it has been refined, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. Physicians and Surgeons - Mid-Level Providers - The Board appointed a Committee to work on the development of rules for supervision, collaboration and consultation with mid-level providers. As soon as such draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. Physicians and Surgeons - Supervision of Unlicensed Providers - The Board directed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for supervision of unlicensed providers of cosmetic and other medical services. As soon as a draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. Polysomnography - The Board received a proposed draft of new rules for polysomnographers from its Advisory Committee on Polysomnography. As soon as a final draft has been prepared, it will be presented to the Board for review and discussion. Physician Assistants – A draft of proposed amendments concerning scope of practice issues relating to physician assistants was referred to the PA Advisory Committee for input. A draft was presented to the Board for consideration at its July 2008 meeting. Suggested modifications, along with additional revisions from the Committee and staff were incorporated into a draft and considered by the Board at its August 2008 meeting. At that time, the Board approved the draft and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to publication, the Board granted the request of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants to discuss the proposed rules at its December 15, 2008 meeting. Following discussion among these parties and the Board at that time, the Board decided to withhold publication of the *Notice of Intent* and study the draft further. A revised draft was presented for consideration at its October 2010 meeting. Following review and discussion, suggested modifications were sent to the PA Advisory Committee for review and during its December 2010 meeting, the Advisory Committee and other interested parties expressed concerns about the revised draft. Following discussion, the Board

suggested additional modifications and at the suggestion of the PA Advisory Committee authorized a meeting with members of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants and the PA Advisory Committee to discuss final modifications. The Board noted receipt of various comments regarding the proposed rule modifications. Modified drafts were considered at the February and March 2011 meetings along with the input from the PA Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants. Following further consideration at its April 2011 meeting, the Board voted to publish *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed amendments to its PA rules. **Midwifery** - The Board is undertaking a review of the status of its midwifery rules. **Physicians and Surgeons – Demonstration of Clinical Competency:** The Board instructed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for demonstration of physician clinical competency for licensure reinstatement/renewal. A draft was presented to the Board for initial consideration and discussion at its April 2009 meeting. During its January 11, 2010 meeting, the Board reviewed, discussed and decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*. **Private Radiologic Technologists:** - The Board reviewed the proposed rule amendments that move the fee schedule for private radiologist technologists from Chapter 81 to Chapter 1 and revise the training requirements needed for certification. The Board approved providing a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendment in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Board Certification:** The Board directed staff/counsel to work on establishing and identifying criteria for Board Certification to be employed by the Board. Pursuant to this request, a draft was presented and discussed by the Board during its December 2009 and January 2010 meetings. A revised draft, incorporated suggested modifications was presented for further consideration during its March 2010 meeting. At its June 2010, the Board received presentations from representatives of the American Board of Physician Specialties, the American Board of Medical Specialties and others on the proposed draft. A report on the current status of the rule making effort was presented during its December 2010 meeting. **Physicians and Surgeons – Office-Based Surgery:** The Board considered suggestions for amendment to its office-based surgery rules and instructed staff/counsel to prepare proposed modifications of its rules to address the issues. The initial draft of the proposed rule amendments were presented during its March meeting for consideration. The Board again considered the initial draft of proposed modifications and deferred action to give further consideration to issued surrounding staff or admitting privileges.

[4.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of legal counsel on pending litigation to which the Board was a party and the status of proceedings for judicial review of prior Board decisions, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(2). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[5.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. Continuing in executive session, the Board reviewed the calendar of personal appearances and docketed hearings, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. 42:17 A(1), (4). As no further action was required or taken on this matter, the Board resumed in open session.

[6.] Investigative Reports. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session to consider the investigative reports as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee, and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion the Board resumed in open session. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

- a. Administrative Complaints: The following administrative complaints were approved for filing and scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No., 10-I-908
Docket No., 11-I-141

- b. Consent Orders: The following Consent Orders were accepted:

Leslie D. Bland, OTT, Docket No., 11-I-257
Denise Sherie Bates, Ath, Docket No., 11-I-347
Steve Taylor, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-342
Jeffrey Frank Foss, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-1052
Fred M. Sullivan, Jr., M.D., Docket No., 09-I-112

- c. Consent Order: The following Consent Order was deferred:

Ronald Dane Sylvest, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-067

- d. Closed: The following matter was closed with a Letter of Concern:

Docket No. 11-I-307

- e. Closed Complaint Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

- f. Follow-Up Information: The Investigative Officer, Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., with the concurrence of legal counsel, presented follow-up information on the following matters:

Karen Paul Holley, M.D., (Docket No., 10-I-908)

[7.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the report of Dr. Eisenhower, on professional liability cases reviewed since the last meeting of the Board as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

[8.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the requests relating to the execution or modification of a Decision and/or Consent Order as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct of licensees, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made and passed by unanimous voice vote, took the following actions:

- a. Probation Report – The Board noted there was no activity report for the probation department submitted for this month
- b. Site Visits – The Board noted the report on site visits for physician assistants, supervising physicians, including those with more than 20, collaborative practice agreements and discussed compliance with the rules relative to supervision of physician assistants by primary and locum tenens physicians.
- c. Johnson, James Bruce, M.D. – To note the decision of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in the matter of James Bruce Johnson, M.D.
- d. Pitard, Edward F., M.D. – To deny the request of Edward F. Pitard, M.D., for early reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.
- e. Talamo, Kirt Joseph, PA – To deny the request of Kirt Joseph Talamo, PA, for early reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

9. Communication and Information; Dispensation Registration. The Board reviewed communication regarding the requirement for dispensation registration with the Board in order for physicians to give samples of controlled substances to their patients. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reiterate this requirement on the website and in the next issue of the *Newsletter* as well as have the Board of Pharmacy provide notification to physicians when they renew their CDS license.

10. Communication and Information; RN's Performing Moderate Complexity Testing; Personal Appearance; Clinical Laboratory Advisory Committee. As requested, Phyllis Touns, Chairperson of the Board's Clinical Laboratory Personnel Advisory Committee along with Cheryl Caskey, Compliance Manager, met with the Board to offer their views on the subject of

RN's Performing Moderate Complexity Testing. It was their opinion that RNs are not qualified to perform such testing and provided synopses of various cases ascertained from laboratory managers throughout the state. Following their dismissal, it was the consensus of the Board to gather further information regarding this matter.

11. Report on Pending Legislation. The Board received the report on pending legislation proposed during the 2011 legislative session that may require their input. Following the report the Board expressed appreciation for the being kept abreast of the various bills introduced. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[12.] Physicians Health Committee. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of Julie Alleman, M.Ed., LPC, LMFT, LAC, Administrative Director, Physicians Health Foundation. Ms. Alleman reported on the participates in the Physicians' Health Program who were either appearing before the Board or had matters before the Board for review and discussion, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (4). She also introduced her new Case Manager, Kashon Wiley, to the Board. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[13.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Pernel J. Simon, M.D. Continuing in executive session, Pernel J. Simon, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his prescribing privileges, as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4). Following his dismissal the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr LeBlanc, duly seconded by Amusa, approved the request of Dr. Simon for reinstatement of his prescribing privileges.

[14.] Investigative Matters; Personal Appearance; Fred M. Sullivan, Jr., M.D. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session for the personal appearance of Fred M. Sullivan, Jr., M.D., in connection with the approval of his Superseding Order, as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4). Dr. Sullivan appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

15. Communications and Information; Department of Health and Hospitals; Nurses Providing STD Clinical Services Under Standing Orders. The Board reviewed Interdivisional Memorandum No. 715 relative to establishment of policies and procedures under which nurses working in OPH clinics can evaluate and administer medications to patients with sexually transmitted diseases under standing orders of a physician. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote,

the Board authorized Dr. Marier to inquire, offer suggestions and if necessary bring this matter back to the Board.

16. Communications and Information; Midwives; Proposed Amendments; Definitions and Standards of Care. The Board reviewed follow-up information regarding the development of amendments to the midwifery rules. It was noted that staff had been in communication with the Midwifery Advisory Council regarding this matter. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

17. Communications and Information; Louisiana State Board of Regents; Associate of Applied Science in Midwifery Degree Program. The Board reviewed communication relative to the conditional approval by the Louisiana State Board of Regents ("LSBR") given to South Louisiana Community College for an Associate of Applied Science in Midwifery Degree Program. The material indicated that program approval would be sought from the Board, although such approval had not been requested. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to inform the LSBR that the description of the program curriculum would prepare students to provide a number of services that exceed the scope of midwifery practice permitted by law and to ask for reconsideration of their conditional approval, notification to the College that enrollment should not commence and an opportunity to meet and discuss their concerns in more detail.

18. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Social Media. The Board reviewed the electronic correspondence received from Jane Santucci, Communications Director, Sacopulos Johnson & Sacopulos on the use of the internet by physicians to provide medical advice, testimonials and individual credentials for public consumption. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Ms. Santucci that there are law and/or rules that would not prohibit a physician from posting individual credentials, testimonials or pictures on a website with the informed consent of the patients and as long as the testimonials and/or pictures were not false or misleading which would be considered unprofessional conduct on the part of the physician and cause for disciplinary action by the Board. It was also the consensus of the Board to advise Ms. Santucci that in the context of making a diagnosis or a provision of treatment by means of information provided or exchanged on a website or by email would constitute the practice of medicine which required a Louisiana license for patients located in Louisiana. Therefore, only general advice should be given on a website or through email and anyone asking for specific or personal advice should be referred to the proper authorized provider.

19. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending March 31, 2011 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of March 31, 2011. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for

the period ending March 31, 2011 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of March 31, 2011.

20. General Administrative Matters; President's Report. There was no President's Report submitted this month.

21. General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report. The Board received the report of its Executive Director on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. He reported on the progress of the renovation to 630 Camp Street and planned for the move back to the 630 Camp Street location.

22. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Podiatry; Performance of Histories and Physicals. The Board reviewed correspondence received from William H. Dabdoub, DPM, Member of the Podiatry Advisory Committee asking the Board to reconsider its advisory opinion that the performance of histories and physicals by podiatrists were beyond their scope of practice. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending further review.

23. General Administrative Matters; Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee. The Board reviewed the recommendation of Lucinda Murray, OTD, LOTR, Occupational Advisory Committee Member that Heather Canal, LOTR, be added as a member of the OTAC representing the Monroe area. Following review and discussion, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the appointment of Heather Canal to the Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee.

[24.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competency, or physical or mental health of an applicant pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17.A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

- a. Approved – To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Laboratory Assistant

Smith, Derek Mark

Generalist

Martinez, Lauren Elizabeth

Phlebotomists

Rollins, Robert Milton

Taylor, Tomika Ann

- b. Deferred – To defer action on the application of the following pending receipt of additional information:

Technician

Deshotels, David Michael II

[25.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy Assistants. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17.A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Weyenberg, Britteny Elizabeth

[26.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried by majority voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Prescriptive Authority. To approve the applicants for prescriptive authority in accordance with promulgated of the rules effective January 20, 2005 provided all requirements had been met:
- 1) Bidez, Troy Louis, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Edward Scott Yerger, 1448 South College Road, Lafayette.
 - 2) Booth, Brittany Deck, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Stacy Greene, 100 Dolhonde Street, Gretna.
 - 3) Broussard, Shane Thomas, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Michael

Peebles, Rochelle Duplechin, Christopher Lawrence, Robert Lecky, Jr., Foster Kordisch III, Philip Ralidis, David McManus and Scott Domingue, 1448 South College Road, Lafayette.

4) Brown, Suzanne Machele, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. James Fambro, 200 Corporate Boulevard, Suite 2001, Lafayette.

5) Craft-Coffman, Beretta Viola, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Erin Switzer, Tulane Medical Center, 1415 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans.

6) Freeman, Nathan Carl, PA – Supervising physicians: Dr. James Fambro, 200 Corporate Boulevard, Suite 2001, Lafayette.

7) Fudickar, John Alanson, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Toan Hau, Claude Gilbreath, Jr. and Raul Guevara, 3333 Drusilla Lane, Baton Rouge.

8) Guarino, Elizabeth Nicole, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Derrick Brooks, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.

9) Guercio, Suzanne d'Aquin, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Yougandhar Akula, Windy Dean-Colomb, Olusegun John, Ranada Johnson, Viral Lathia, Marilyn Mora, Virasith Rajapho and Elizabeth Wasson, Ochsner Health System, 9001 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge.

10) Hebert, Marc Thomas, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Geoffrey Collins, 1747 Imperial Boulevard, Lake Charles.

11) Johnson, Charles David, Jr., PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Dennis Sullivan and Randall Davis, St. Francis Medical Center, 309 Jackson Street, Monroe.

12) Knight, John J., PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Derrick Brooks, Ochsner Medical Center, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.

13) LaFleur, Julie Morein, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Thomas Laborde and Nicholas Lahaye, Dr. Juan Soliven, ICU, 3330 Masonic Drive, Alexandria.

14) Merrit, Mellanie Slavich, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Deryk Jones, 1 South Clearview Parkway, Jefferson.

15) Morgan, Clay Eric, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Ellis Cooper III and John Googe, Musculoskeletal Institute of Louisiana, 1500 Line Avenue,

Shreveport.

16) Newman, Eric Emory, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Claus Brandigi, Robert Mullins and Erin Switzer, Tulane Medical Center, 1415 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans.

17) Peluso, Jessica Rae, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Paul Dreschnack, George Edwards III, Peter Chu, Ernest Kelly, Jr., Jonathan Sanders and Reda Williams, Cenla Family Medical Center, 1610 Water Street, Lecompte.

18) Pratt, Anne Elizabeth, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Harold Paden, Jr., Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Emergency Medicine, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

19) Reid, Carmen Elizabeth, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. John Joel Ferrell and Edward Morgan, Mid-State Orthopaedics, 7925 Youree Drive, Suite 220, Shreveport.

20) Ross, Terri Lynn, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Effie Branton, Patrick Bonneval, Ronald Coe, Jennifer Crist, James Crowell III, Christiane Eisele, William Elliott III, Marci Fabre, Beverly Gladney, Robert Gruner, John Jones, Robert Limbaugh III, James Linford, Michael Loewe, Jason Madatic, David Melton, Robert Moukarzel, William Hubbard, Jr., Roopa Ramesh Patel, Pamela Payment, Eric Rowley, Keith Schwager, Todd Taylor, Monte Thames, Jr., Joseph Thomas, Jr., Kathleen Varnes and Lauren Yorek, 3600 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge.

21) Samples, Janice Marie, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Robert Mullins, Tulane University Hospital, 1415 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans.

22) Sherrel, Sarah Kathryn, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. John Brown, Jr., Ariane Carrier, Karen Cockerham, Christiane Eisele, Kristin Herbert, Travis Hill, Rebecca Hutchings, Jeffrey Kuo, John Langley, Charles Ochello, Jr., John Phillips, Phillip Reed, Mark Rice, Elizabeth Skeins, Derek Wierzbicki and Richard Vinroot, Jr., Ochsner Medical Center- Westbank, 2500 Belle Chasse Highway, Gretna.

23) Smith, Mary Katherine, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Dennis Sullivan and Randall Davis, 2509 Broadmoor Boulevard, Monroe.

24) Stephens, Haley Jackson, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Cynthia Bimle, 206 Bell Lane, Suite C & D, West Monroe.

- 25) Stutes, Rachel Bulliard, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Dave Barrios, Stephen Delatte and James Garcelon, Our Lady of Lourdes/Grossman Burn Center, 611 St. Landry Street, Lafayette.
- 26) Trahan, Kari Renee, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Saiyid Wahid, 4802 Jones Creeks, Baton Rouge.
- 27) Tran, Mary Chau, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Laurence Smith, Thibodaux Regional Medical Center, 602 North Acadia Road, Thibodaux.
- 28) William, Janice Patricia, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. James Fambro, Thomas Community Health Center/Dr. Cain, 51704 Highway 48, Franklinton.

[27.] Licensure and Certification; Polysomnography. On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Polysomnography Technologist

Turner, Jesse W.

[28.] Licensure and Certification; Podiatry. On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Advanced Practice – Conservative Treatment of the Ankle

Hudson, Catherine Michelle

Levine, Japera No'el

[29.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy. On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1).

Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Alho, Deanne Marie

Theriot, Timothy J.

[30.] Licensure and Certification; Perfusionist. On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for extension of a provisional license as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the extension of the provisional license to the following provided all requirements had been met:

Greensburg, Julie Anne

[31.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decision:

- a. Ramandi, Nick, M.D. – To deny the request of Nick Ramandi, M.D., for a waiver of an examination attempt citing extenuating circumstances
- b. Non-Routine – To approve the applications of the following provided all requirements had been met:

Campbell, Patrick Thomas
Grewal, Harmanjot Kaur

Norozian, Faraz Mohammad
Patel, Hina Bipin

[32.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates. On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

- a. Cothorn, William Ray, M.D. – To defer action on the application of William Ray

Cothorn, M.D., pending receipt of additional information.

b. DiMartino, Paul Peter, M.D. – To approve the request of Paul Peter DiMartino, M.D., for a waiver of the licensure requirements in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as he had been offered a full time faculty position as Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedics at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center.

c. Michaud, Gaetane Celine, M.D. – To approve the request of Gaetane Celine Michaud, M.D., for a waiver of the licensure requirements in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as he had been offered the position as Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Interventional Pulmonologist in the section of Pulmonary Diseases, Critical Care and Environmental Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine.

d. Non-routine – To approve the non-routine applications of the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Coombs, Jacquin Ann
Kirby, Cristal Chanel

Patterson, Damon Ernest

[33.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report. On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to review the report of Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Investigating Officer, on the applicants for licensure with fingerprint discrepancies as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Brown, Chalanta P.

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Escue, Margaret B.
Newton, Melissa L.

Rivers, Amber A.
Wilkins, Mona

[34.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Relicensure/Reinstatement. On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session,

and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote deferred action on the relicensure/reinstatement application of the following pending receipt of additional information:

Physicians and Surgeons

Fish, Daniel B.

Keller, Belynda

[35.] Licensure and Certification; Intern/Examination Registration. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for intern/examination registration as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

U.S. Medical Graduate

a. Deferred – To defer action on the applications of the following pending receipt of additional information:

Greer, James-Joshua Magee
Morgan, Gregory McIntire

Walker, Bradley Alan

b. Non-Routine – To approve issuance of intern training permits to the following provided all requirements had been met:

Abadco, Dustin Allan
Bonnette, Lauren Suzonne
Bratton, Laura Ellen
Burg, Gregory Thomas
Casey, David Brandan
DiSalvo, Nicholas Joseph
Grant, Shalini Reyna
Greenman, Ashley Lynn
Hilton, Ashton T.

LeBlanc, Jay Francis, Jr.
Pennington, Lindsey A.
Perry, Brian Thomas
Proctor, Joe Benjamin
Spangler, Carrie Fellows
Steinhardt, William Stewart
Storey, Christopher Michael
Walwyn, Emron Osborne
Wilson, Mark Douglas

International Medical Graduates – GETPs

a. Deferred – To defer action on the application of the following pending receipt of additional information:

Patel, Abhishek

b. Non-Routine – To approve issuance of intern training permits to the following provided all requirements had been met:

Guilbeau, Eric Tyson
Salieb, Lorraine Onsy

Lee, Bobby Joe

36. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension. The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by April 30, 2011. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[37]. General Administrative Matters; New Business. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to discuss the importance of Board member attendance, due to matters that may relate to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. 42:17 A(1), (4). No further action was taken.

38. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for June 20, 21, 2011 at the temporary offices of the Board, 1515 Poydras Street, Suite 2700.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct account of the proceedings of the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, save for executive session of the Board conducted therein, held on May 16, 2011 as approved by the Board on the 20th day of June, 2011.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 20th day of June 2011.

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.
Member

Attest:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer